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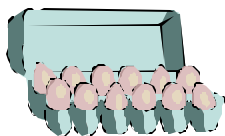
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



When compared to last week's prices, larger sizes were generally unchanged to lower and the balance was unchanged. The market tone was no better than steady at current market levels. Demand ranged light to good, mostly light to fair. Best interest was noted on scattered retail features. Supplies were adequate to ample with the larger sizes in the most available position. Breaking stock supplies continued adequate to fully adequate. Demand was usually light to occasionally moderate. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady in the Midwest and weak in the Eastern region. Light type hens satisfied reduced processing schedules for this week.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 4.5 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged for medium. Prices in Boston were unchanged to 5 cents lower on larger sizes and mediums were unchanged. In New England, prices 1 cent lower on large and unchanged on balance. The market tone was barely steady. Demand was light to fair, with limited feature activity reported. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were at least adequate, although demand for additional product was generally light. Light type fowl were short to adequate for current processing schedules.

NEW YORK Prices were 1 cent lower on larger size and unchanged on medium. The market tone was barely steady. Demand was light following the holiday, with limited feature activity. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate.

CHICAGO All prices unchanged. The trade sentiment about steady. Retail and food service demand moderate to fairly good following the long holiday weekend. Feature activity noted as limited. Supplies generally adequate or available.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were 5 cents lower for the larger sizes and unchanged for the balance. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail demand was light to fair, best for scattered feature activity. One feature noted was one dozen large for 25 cents limit two per customer. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample for the larger sizes and in good balance for the lighter weights. Central states nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly light to at times moderate for the adequate to mostly fully adequate offerings. Most breakers worked from regular commitments and company owned production. Floor stocks were mixed, in balance to fully adequate. Schedules were full-time or better. The trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady.

SOUTHERN Extra large and large sizes were lower compared to last week. The balance was unchanged. The market tone ranged steady to weak with larger sizes in the weakest position. Demand was generally light to moderate as buyers watched the market for further developments. Supplies were at least adequate to available. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending September 1 was 70.67 cents, 5.55 cents less than the week before and 9.85 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were at least sufficient and demand was mostly light to fair. Light type fowl satisfied reduced processing schedules due to the holiday.

WESTERN Prices on jumbo, extra large, and large 5 cents lower throughout the region, medium and small unchanged. The Pacific region inventory was 7% higher than last week with California unchanged and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 19%. Retailer demand fair. Offerings easily adequate.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	96-98	92-94	62-64
New York	70-72	67-70	52-55
Philadelphia	68-73	66-71	51-52
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	61-62	59.5-61	43-44
Jackson (1)	70-71	68-69	52-53
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	67-81	65-79	49-63
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	58-63	57-62	44-49
Detroit (2)	55-58	54-57	40-43
Major Ohio Cities (2)	56-62.5	55-61	41-47
Major Wisconsin Cities	59-66	57-64	44-51
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	75-79	73-75	55-57
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	96	87	76

(1) - Prices reported weekly

(2) - Delivered Warehouse

(3) - Reported Invoice prices

CALIFORNIA Prices 5 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was unchanged from last week. Retailer demand fair. Offerings easily adequate. Small invoice price 56. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 89-129.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	114
EXTRA LARGE	96
LARGE	87
MEDIUM	76
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	225-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	EXTRA LARGE	195-249
LARGE	169-209	LARGE	187-229
MEDIUM	159-199	MEDIUM	145-179

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 08, 2000 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 01, 2000 were 258,938 cases which was 5 percent below the prior week and 5 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	224,233	34,705	258,938

% change from the prior week.....	-5	-1	-5

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly light to occasionally moderate and most breakers were working from regular commitments and company owned production. Offerings were adequate to mostly fully adequate. Floor stocks were mixed from balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time or better. Trade sentiment about steady to barely steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	37-40	38-40
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	23-26	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy fowl. Finished sales were improving but were usually no better than moderate. Schedules were sufficient for product needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 04-SEP-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-10	5-8	7.31

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower than a week earlier. Demand was fair but still unaggressive as offerings were adequate to ample for reduced holiday schedule needs. The market tone was steady.

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FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 04-SEP-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	.25-9.5	2-6	4.96

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Sep 04, 2000

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.3	13.6	5.4	13.2	9.1	50.6
	Change	-1.8	-1.5	-1.3	1.8	1.4	-3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.9	46.9	12.1	33.3	22.8	136.0
	Change	0.4	-5.0	0.1	5.5	2.7	3%
Large	Curr Wk	30.1	99.4	55.1	82.3	88.6	355.5
	Change	-6.7	7.9	2.0	-2.9	3.9	1%
Medium	Curr Wk	8.4	35.1	11.7	22.8	19.4	97.4
	Change	-1.2	1.0	-1.5	-1.3	-3.7	-6%
Small	Curr Wk	5.1	6.6	3.1	9.1	6.8	30.7
	Change	0.4	0.7	-0.8	0.7	2.3	12%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.3	18.6	5.4	14.1	5.8	48.2
	Change	-1.1	0.5	-1.9	0.5	0.9	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	20.0	46.1	15.6	29.0	40.0	150.7
	Change	-3.0	0.0	-1.0	-1.4	5.2	0%
Total	Curr Wk	98.1	266.3	108.4	203.8	192.5	869.1
Percent	Change	-12%	1%	-4%	1%	7%	0%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	869.1	0%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	425.7	12%	39

Total Shell Egg	1294.8	4%	211
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 172 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks.

Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 21, 2000

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	169	165.9	156.9	109.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING AUGUST 21, 2000 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	132	132	122	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 01, 2000

CURRENT LOADS							FUTURE LOADS							TOTAL LOADS						
19.75							18.25							38.00						
SE		NE		MW		LOADS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST							
GNR W 1	—	—	45.40	47.00	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	61.00	67.00	.75					
GL W J	—	—	64.50	66.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	53.00	1.00					
GL W XL	—	—	—	53.00	46.50	—	9.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	51.25	—	51.00	4.00					
GL W LG	—	—	47.00	49.00	42.00	—	5.75	GL W MD	35.00	—	—	—	—	42.75	2.00					
GL W MD	36.00	—	33.50	35.00	—	—	5.50	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	44.75	—	—	2.00					
GL W SM	20.00	22.50	19.00	22.50	—	—	3.00	NRBS - 45	—	—	—	41.25	—	—	1.00					
NRBS - 50	—	—	31.50	33.00	—	—	.50													
NRBS - 48	—	—	32.00	—	33.00	—	5.00													
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	31.00	—	1.00													
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00													
NRBS - 36	—	—	13.00	15.00	—	—	.50													

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/29/00-09/04/00

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS			
69.25								36.50								105.75			
SE				NE		MW		LOADS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS				
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST					
GNR W 1	—	—	46.35	48.25	—	—	9.00	GNR W 1	—	45.00	—	—	—	—	5.00				
GNR W 2	40.25	—	—	43.00	41.50	45.00	4.00	GNR W 3	—	—	—	42.17	—	—	3.00				
GNR W 3	—	—	31.00	—	32.00	—	3.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	61.00	67.00	.75				
GNR BR 1	—	—	44.00	45.50	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	49.00	49.00	—	53.50	—	53.80	4.50				
GL W J	—	—	64.50	66.00	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	48.00	—	—	51.25	—	52.00	6.75				
GL W XL	—	—	50.00	52.39	46.00	—	27.25	GL W MD	33.60	36.00	—	—	—	40.62	8.75				
GL W LG	—	—	48.00	50.00	42.25	45.00	10.00	NRBS - 50	33.00	—	—	43.75	—	—	1.00				
GL W MD	31.56	—	33.50	36.31	—	39.50	14.25	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	44.75	—	—	2.00				
GL W SM	20.19	22.54	19.67	21.88	—	—	10.00	NRBS - 45	—	—	—	41.25	—	—	1.00				
NRBS - 50	—	—	32.50	34.00	—	—	1.50												
NRBS - 48	34.00	35.00	33.83	—	33.00	38.75	7.50												
NRBS - 45	31.00	32.00	—	—	31.00	—	1.75												
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	30.00	32.00	1.00												
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00												
NRBS - 36	—	—	13.00	15.00	—	—	.50												

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 08/20/00 - 08/26/00

Origin State	CA	CO	IA	MN	NE	OH	OR	UT	WI	TOTAL
N. CA	15	0	3,168	0	0	0	1,787	1,700	74	6,724
C. CA	0	0	1,635	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,635
S. CA	726	4,333	12,307	2,320	300	1,578	1,787	4,254	0	26,818
TOTAL STATE	741	4,333	17,110	2,320	300	1,578	1,787	5,954	74	34,177

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
114-117	77-80	72-75	43-46	15-18

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
63-66	54-60	52-57	38-43	22-26

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
37-39	24-26	10-12

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
79.25	77.75	59.51	43.27

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	8/28/00	8/21/00	8/31/99
PACIFIC COAST	557	657	343
LOS ANGELES	480	607	253

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR AUGUST 29, 2000:

	CARTONS	WTG AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.36
LARGE	143-150	148.14
MEDIUM	124-135	132.10
SMALL	105-109	106.04

Receipts from the mainland: 8/20/00-8/28/00

30-dozen cases 4,999

Receipts from the mainland: 8/13/00-8/19/00

30-dozen cases 4,722

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